(h) Group dialling facility extended upto 30 kms. in Rural hilly and tribal areas of the country and 20 kms. in other areas if one of the following three conditions is met:—

(i) The calling and called exchange are both in the same SDCA.

(ii) Even if the calling and the called exchange are not within the same SDCA, the corresponding SDCAs are within a distance of 30/20 kms from each other as the case may be.

(iii) Local areas of the calling and the called exchanges have a common boundary even if they fall in adjacent SDCAs.

2. The concessional rates take effect from 1.1.1996. The financial impact of the package is about Rs. 200 crores per year.

Allocation of inter-state River waters

34. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Water Resources Council has prescribed guidelines for allocation of Inter State river water amongst States;

(b) whether the policy guidelines has also been prepared for Resettlement of Reservoir Projects affected persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c) The draft National Policy guidelines for sharing of inter-state river waters and National Policy for Resettlement & Rehabilitation of persons affected by reservoir projects were considered in the third meeting of National Water Resources Council held on 6th February, 1996 at New Delhi. The National Water Resources Council decided that these drafts should be reviewed and modified taking into account the comments of the Chief Ministers of States and Union Territories expressed during this meeting before further consideration and adoption by the National Water Resources Council.

Cellular Phone services in Nagpur

35. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Cellular Telephone Services are likely to begin in Nagpur in Maharashtra;

(b) the companies to whom the Licences for such Cellular Services have been awarded;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Companies are charging exorbitant prices for the instruments; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) Licences for operation of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in Maharashtra Telecom Circle of which Nagpur forms a part have been granted to two companies, namely, M/s Birla AT&T Communications Ltd., and M/s US West BPL Cellular Ltd., in December 1995. As per the terms and conditions of the licences, the companies are required to cover at least 10% of the district headquarters in the first year. One of the two licensee companies is likely to start cellular services in Nagpur during the year 1997.

(c) and (d) The price of the instrument is not regulated by the Deptt. of Telecom. However, the customer is free to purchase the instrument (Mobile Handset) from any source.

दिल्ली में आतंकवाद

36. प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) चालू वर्ष के दौरान अब तक दिल्ली में कुल कितने आतंकवादियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया है;

(ख) इनमें से कितने आतंकवादी पाकिस्तानी एजेंट हैं; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा आई॰एस॰आई॰ की गतिविधियों को रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मौ॰ मकबूल डार): (क) और (ख) चालू वर्ष के दौरान अक्तूबर, 1996

तक 81 उग्रवादी गिरफ्तार किए गए। इनमें से 45 उग्रवादियों पर पाकिस्तानी एजेंट होने का संदेह है।

(ग) दिल्ली में ऐसी गतिविधियों पर काबू पाने के लिए दिल्ली पुलिस द्वारा किए गए उपायों में शामिल हैं; केन्द्र तथा राज्य आसूचना एजेंसियों के बीच निकट समन्वय, संदिग्ध गेस्ट हाउसों/छिपने के ठिकानों की जांच-पड़ताल करना, विदेशी पर्यटक कैंपों पर कड़ी निगरानी रखना, नये किरायेदारों का सत्यापन, संदिग्ध वाहनों की जांच--पड़ताल, भेदियों/पहरेदारों की बड़ी तादाद में तैनाती सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर ज्ञात आतंकवादियों की तस्वीरों का प्रदर्शन, तथा जन सहयोग प्राप्त करना।

Compensation to villagers in Visakhapatnam

37. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate funds have been provided to pay compensation to the villagers of Visakhapatnam district in Andhra Pradesh whose land has been acquired to start Marine Gas Turbine overhaul centres of Defence Department in Marripalem village;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to work-out valuation of the land acquired and pay compensation to villagers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) No land has been acquired in village Marripalem, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh for setting up Gas Turbine Overhaul centre. However, land measuring 25.41 acres in the said village has been acquired under Requisition & Acquisition of Immovable Property (RAIP) Act 1952 for setting up Base Victualling Yard Project of Indian Navy. The sanctioned amount in accordance with the provisions of the said Act/ Rules has been placed at the disposal of the Collector, Visakhapatnam who in turn has already disbursed the same to the concerned villagers.

Release of funds for repairing of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

38. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested released of Rs. 12.38 crores approximately for special repairs of National Highways for the early completion of the flood and cyclone damaged repair works;

(b) the action taken on the request; and

(c) by when the financial assistance is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 4.00 crores has been sanctiond to the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

Selling the Cellular Phone Instrument

39. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the major companies which are selling Cellular Telephone Instruments in India;

(b) the price in India of such instruments as on 1st November, 1996;

(c) the price of the same instrument of the respective companies in London, New York, Tokyo and Singapore and how it compares with the Indian price;

(d) the reason for allowing such inexpensive instruments to be sold at such high prices; and

(e) the steps proposed to be takent to see that the instruments are sold at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.